

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM

Property Name: Monmouth Farm Inventory Number: HA-703
 Address: 309 W. Wheel Road Historic district: yes X no
 City: Bel Air Zip Code: 21014 County: Harford
 USGS Quadrangle(s): Edgewood
 Property Owner: Arthur's Wood LLC Tax Account ID Number: 01 062158
 Tax Map Parcel Number(s): 424 Tax Map Number: 56
 Project: Arthur's Woods Development Agency: Army Corps of Engineers
 Agency Prepared By: KCI Technologies
 Preparer's Name: Melissa Hess Date Prepared: 4/12/2004
 Documentation is presented in: MHT Library
 Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: X Eligibility recommended Eligibility not recommended
 Criteria: X A B X C D Considerations: A B C D E F G
Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:
 Name of the District/Property: _____
 Inventory Number: _____ Eligible: yes Listed: yes
 Site visit by MHT Staf X yes no Name: Peter Kurtze; Jonathan Sager Date: 1/5/2005

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

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Historical Narrative

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				X								
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MHT Comments: Reevaluated based on 1/5/05 site visit.

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

Reviewer, National Register Program

1/27/05

Date _____

1/25/05

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Site visit by MHT Staff: ☒ no ☐ yes Name: _____ Date: _____
Is the property located within a historic district? ☐ yes ☒ no

If the property is within a district

District Inventory Number: _____

NR-listed district ☐ yes Eligible district ☐ yes District Name: _____

Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource ☐ yes ☐ no Non-contributing but eligible in another context ☐

If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district)

Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible ☒ yes ☐ no

Criteria: ☒ A ☒ B ☐ C ☐ D ☒ Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: MIHP form HA-703-712

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Comments: Despite deteriorated condition, the two tenant houses and brewery/springhouse are examples of rare building types - remaining elements of agricultural complex can provide info.
Arthur's Wood LLC 8/24/04

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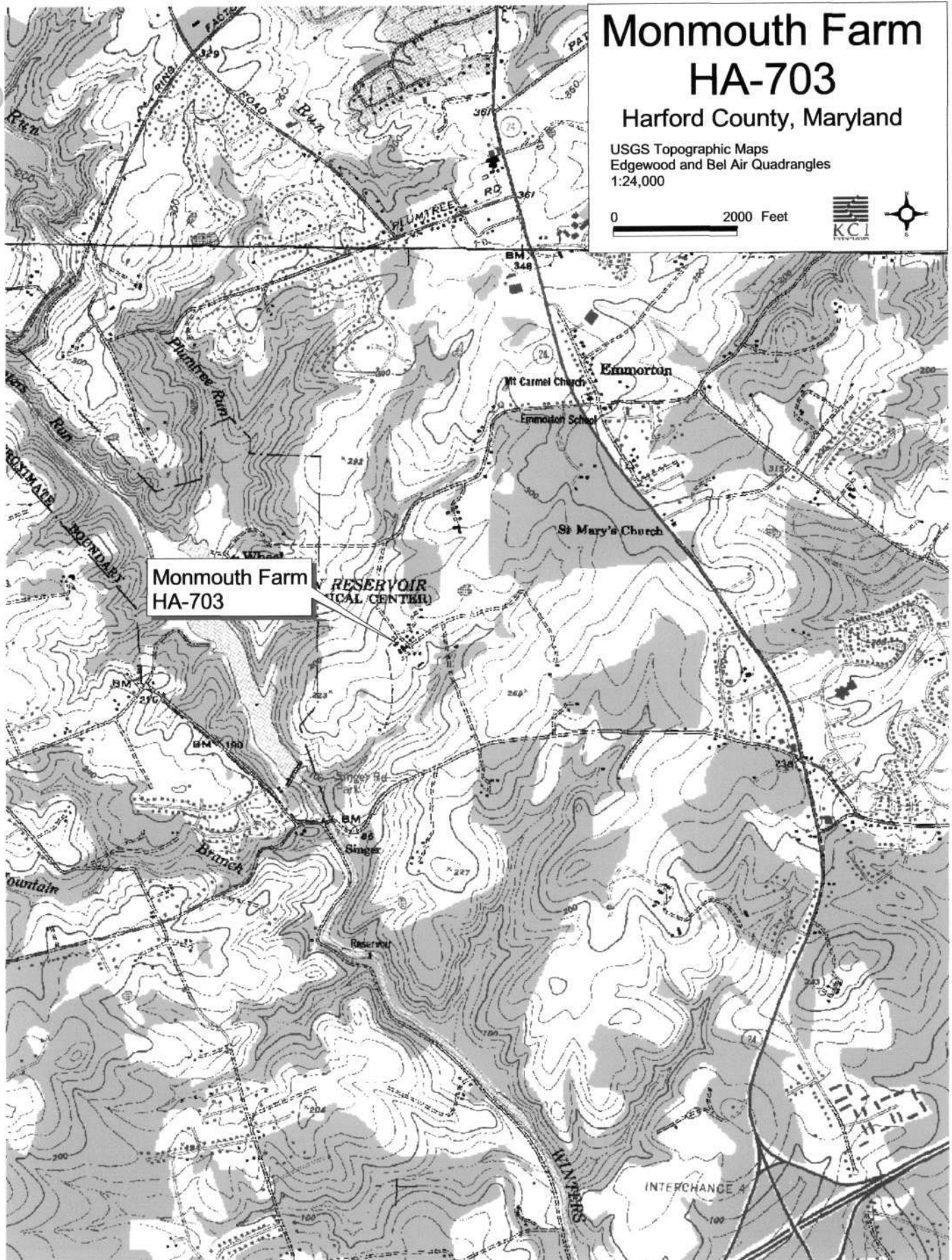
Date Prepared: April 20, 2004

Monmouth Farm HA-703

Harford County, Maryland

USGS Topographic Maps
Edgewood and Bel Air Quadrangles
1:24,000

0 2000 Feet





MIHP: HA-703 (part of)

Monmouth Farm

Harford County, MD

Melissa Hess/KCI

3-24-04

negative at MD SHPO

Structure 5 (MIHP: HA-707), tenant house, east elevation

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MIHP: HA-703 (part of)

Monmouth Farm

Harford County, MD

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3-24-04

negative at MD SHPO

Structure 5 (MIHP: HA-707), tenant house, north elevation

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MIHP: HA-703 (part of)

Monmouth Farm

Harford County, MD

Melissa Hess/KC1

3-24-04

negative at MDSAPU

Structure 5 (MIHP: HA-707), tenant house, South elevation

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MIHP: HA-703 (part of)

Monmouth Farm

Harford County, MD

Melissa Hess, KCI

3-24-04

negative at MD SHPO

Structure 5 (MIHP: HA-707), tenant house, interior stairs

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MIHP: HA-703 (part of)
Monmouth Farm
Harford County, MD
Melissa Hess/KCI
3-24-04
negative at MD SHPO

Structure 5 (MIHP: HA-707), tenant house, interior fireplace
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MIHP: HA-703 (part of)

Monmouth Farm

Hartford County, MD

Melissa Hess/KCI

3-24-04

negative at MD SHPO

Structure 10, tenant house, south and east elevation

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MIHP: HA-703 (part of)

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3-24-04

negative at MD SHPO

Structure 10, tenant house, north elevation

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MIHP: HA-703 (part of)

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Hartford County, MD

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3-24-04

negative at MD SHPO

Structure 10, tenant house, north + west elevation
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MIHP: HA-703 (part of)

Monmouth Farm

Harford County, MD

Melissa Hess/KCI

3-24-04

Negative at MDSTHP.

Structure 10, tenant house, east elevation

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MIHP: HA-703 (part of)

Monmouth Farm

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3-24-04

negative at MDHPO

Structure 9, stone barn (MIHP: HA-712), South and
West elevation

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MIHP: HA-703 (part of)

Manmouth Farm

Harford County, MD

Melissa Hess/KCI

3-24-04

Negative at MD5HP6

Structure 9, Stone barn (MIHP:HA-712), South and
East elevation

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MIHP: HA-703 (part of)
Monmouth Farm
Hartford County, MD
Melissa Hess/KCI
3-24-04
negative at MD SHPO

Structure 4 (MIHP: HA-708), Springhouse/brewery,
north elevation

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MIHP: HA-703 (part of)
Monmouth Farm
Harford County, MD
Melissa Hess/KCI

3-24-04

negative at MDSHPo

Structure 4 (MIHP: HA-703), springhouse/brewery, west
elevation

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MIHP: HA-703 (part of)

Monmouth Farm

Hartford County, MD

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3-24-04

negative at MDSHP

Structure 4 (MIHP: HA-708), Springhouse/brewery, West
and South elevation

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MIHP: HA-703 (part of)

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Hartford County, MD

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negative at MD SHPO

Structure 7, barn, north elevation

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MIHP: HA-703 (part of)

Monmouth Farm

Harford County, MD

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3-24-04

negative at MDSTHP

Structure 7 and Structure 8 (MIHP:HA-711), barn
and granary/corncrib, north and east
elevation

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MIHP: HA-703 (part of)

Monmouth Farm

Harford County, MD

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3-24-04

negative at MDSHPU

Structure 8 (MIHP: HA-711), granary/corncrib
north and east elevation

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MIHP: HA-703 (part of)
Monmouth Farm
Harford County, MD
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negative at MD SHPO

Structure 6, frame tenant house, west elevation

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MIHP: HA-703 (part of)

Monmouth Farm
Harford County, MD

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3-24-04

Negative at MD SHPO

Structure 3, office, west elevation

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Corrections HA 703-712

The main section of this house was probably built around the mid nineteenth century. It is not present on the 1798 or 1814 tax lists. The owner, as well as architect Jim Wollon, believe this to be true. The middle section of the house does, however, match up with the information given in the 1798 Federal Tax List. This section has been greatly altered by Victorian influences, but can be recognized as a 1½-story gambrel roofed house of about 1740-80. New bay windows, wide dormers upstairs, alter the appearance, as does a rebuilt fireplace and fluted columns by the bay windows.

It should be noted that the southwestern "outside end" chimney, of the main section mentioned in Paul Penrod's report is incorrect and is actually part of the older, center section. It has been rebuilt and extended to the height of the northern section to prevent fires.

SMD.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

HA-703 thru 712

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Monmouth Farm

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Wheel Road

CITY, TOWN

Emmorton

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Harford

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☐ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
☒ ACCESSIBLE
☐ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☒ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mrs. James McLean

Telephone #: 838-5797

STREET & NUMBER

Wheel Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Emmorton

VICINITY OF

Maryland

STATE, zip code
21050**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harford County CourtHouse

STREET & NUMBER

45 S. Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

HA 703-712

CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This dwelling is basically a three-part house; a northeast-facing two-story stone structure, an adjacent one and one-half story stone and shingle addition, and a very recent one-story stucco wing, perpendicular to the latter addition.

The main section has coursed rubble walls. From the northwest aspect, the building is three bays by one, but from the southeastern aspect it is four bays by two. There are only a few shutters on the windows and the windows themselves are 6 X 6 in nailed sashes. A joined pair of windows rest over the northeast entrance. This same doorway is framed in an architrave trim with a three-light transom above it. Two casement doors are and a regular inset door are on the southern side of the house, with almost all of the hardware being replaced. These casements have two-light transoms, while the other door has a three-light transom. The roof is gable-flank and asphalt-covered, with very wide eaves. A one-bay shed-roof porch covers the northeastern doorway. A stone platform lies below the three southwestern egresses. This main portion has four original brick chimneys; two inside-ends located near the northern extreme, and one inside and one outside-end situated on the southern extreme.

^{Adjacent} Adjacent to the stone house is a one and one-half story addition, with stone walls partially covered with imbricated shingles. It has elements of Victorian and French architecture. Three protruding windows are located on the northeastern embrasure, while six openings are sited on the southeastern facade. All of the windows have patterned sashes, including the shed dormer openings. The eastern side of the roof has a triple-window dormer and the opposite slope has two double and one triple dormers. A two-story shingled Victorian tower is positioned on the western side, complete with a pyramid cap. Just north of this is a partially-enclosed three-bay shed porch containing a pedimented portal. The cellar of the southern entrance of this building is exposed, with a cellar door being located on the lower tower wall, and southeast of this is a single 6 X 6 cellar opening with a flat brick arch. A sunporch has been constructed onto the very end of the building. The roof is slate-covered and mansard, resembling a French style, with two elaborately corbeled brick inside-end chimneys. A cornice and frieze skirts this roof.

The modern addition is one by two, with 8 X 8 windows, a gabled porch, and a doorway beneath this porch on the southeast wall.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
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SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The most significant feature of this group of structures is that they are original and have remained intact all of these years. The brewery and octagonal smokehouse are quite unique among the selection of local outbuildings. Also represented here is the evolution of a farm, for both first, second and third-generation outbuildings are present. The oldest part of the farm includes the stone tenant house and the brewery, both built prior to 1800. One of the earlier owners of this land was William McComas, who acquired 195 acres of the tract called Gresham's College. The 1783 Tax List indicates that William's descendent, James McComas, owned 305 acres of Gresham's College. The largest component of the present estate was part of a 1307 acre tract that was purchased by a John Beal Bardley from Henrietta Marie Delaney in 1759. Still another portion was originally John Paca land. Paca may have most likely been the builder of those two old structures. The main house and possibly the wing date from around 1800. Two Frenchmen named Simmonnet owned the tract at the time, and this might explain the French style of the southern part of the house if they did indeed build it. Frank Billingsley, who owned 200 acres of Gibson's Park and 33 acres of Paca's Search in 1783, is another possible builder of the house. The farm was owned from 1840 until 1879.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 262+**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

This tract is located on Wheel Road (east side), south of Emmorton Road. It is bounded by Atkinsson Reservoir property to the west, by Wheel Road to the north, by the Archer lands to the east and by Singer Road to the south.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

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COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Paul L. Penrod/ site surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

STREET & NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

DATE

July 9, 1976

TELEPHONE

267-1212

STATE

Maryland

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Carriage House 704

It is located south of the main house, consisting of a stone structure with a slate gable-flank roof. The beams inside are hand-hewn and original.

Well House 705

This building is sited just west of the tower of the main house. A door is on the east side, and two 3 X 3 windows are on the southern exposure. The roof is hip, and a brick inside-end chimney is situated on the southwestern corner of the roof.

Smokehouse 706

Further down the slope and west of the house is the smokehouse, an unusual octagonally-shaped building with a slate hip roof and vertical wood siding. A cupola is located on the very peak of the roof. Drying racks appear inside, as this building later served as a place to cure tobacco. It is said to be one of the only octagonal buildings of its type in Harford County.

Stone Tenant House 707

This dwelling is constructed of uncoursed fieldstone, and is a "short" two stories. It measures four bays by two, with 6 X 6 windows and 4 X 4 attic windows on the eastern and western extremes. There are four double sets of 2 X 2 windows on the southern face of the second floor, although there are hardly any openings at all on the northern side. Most of the windows have stone lintels, and the sashes and frames have been replaced. Two doors are situated on the southern side, and a cellarway is on the same side, located under the floor of a three-bay shed porch. The roof of the house is slate and gable-flank, with an underlying soffit. Chimneys are sited at both ends of the structure; the eastern one being a brick flush-end and the western one being a stone flush end.

Brewery-springhouse 708

This is positioned southeast of the stone tenant house. It has thick, uncoursed stone walls. A single doorway and window are on the western side as the spring runs right through a portion of the building that was probably used for the cooling of milk. The gables of the building are covered with wood shingles, and the structure is capped with a slate, gable-flank roof. A frame stable has been built on to the southern end, and a tall stone chimney is built near the southeast corner of the roof. Part of this structure was allegedly used as a brewery.

The shop and shed 709-710

These are second-generation farm buildings and stand near the the two gambrel-roofed barns. They are quite typical structures, having vertical board and batten siding. The shop has 6 X 6 windows. Both roofs are gable flank.

The Granary-corncrib 711

This building occupies the space between the parallel pairs of barns. It is a three-story building, the first being of stone and the other two being of vertical siding. It has a gable-flank slate roof.

The Barn 712

This is a quite massive building, actually consisting of two barns attached together. The walls are stone almost throughout, and an inordinate amount of windows appear on the southern side. A causeway leads up to the main doorway on the northern facade. The roof is slate gable-flank and the interior support beams are both pegged and notched, consisting of hand-hewn timbers and logs.

TITLE SEARCH

<u>Libre</u>		<u>Folio</u>	
GCB	259	237	In 1940, Percy Ballantine conveyed to James McLean 262 $\frac{1}{4}$ acres and 18 $\frac{1}{4}$ perches.
SWC	225	400	In 1933 the Safe Deposit and Trust Company of Baltimore, acting as a trustee for the estate of Alexander S. Bell, sold 260 acres to Percy Ballantine.
ALJ	38	352	In 1879, Stevenson Archer sold to Margaret Bell a tract consisting of Gibson's Park, Paca's Search, Clagett's Forest, Gresham's College and other lands. These lands had been owned by Ramsey McHenry after the death of Sophia McHenry in 1874.
HD	22	313	1. In 1840, Matthew Kennard conveyed 260 acres of Gibson's Park and 33 acres of Paca's Search to Sophia McHenry.
HD	Q	31	a. Jean Rene Compagnon sold the property to Isaac Kennard in 1802.
JLG	Q	250	Augustine Ballazar Simmonnet transferred the property to Jean Rene Compagnon in 1802.
JLG	L	328	In 1794, Henry Ruff conveyed the tracts to the Simmonnet Brothers.
JLG	K	370	In 1789, Frank Billingslea conveyed the tract to Henry Ruff. The grantor obtained the land from John Paca.
HD	11	460	b. Matthew Kennard obtained 233 acres of Paca's Search and Gibson's Park from Ebenezer N. Allen in 1828. Allen acquired the tract from Isaac Kennard as a result of a land suit.
HD	30	115	2. George M McComas transferred six acres and 82 perches to Sophia McHenry in 1844, this land being part of Gresham's College.
HD	31	206	3. Charles S. Sewell sold 16 acres of Vesuvius and Clagett's Forest to Sophia McHenry in 1845.
HD	5	422	Joshua Guyton, sheriff, sold 15 acres to Charles S. Sewell in 1822. Guyton had been holding the land after Benjamin Richardson sued James McComas for debts in 1814.
HD	Y	71	In 1814, Charles McComas sold 12 acres of Gresham's College to James McComas.
HD	S	66	William McComas sold sections of Clagett's Forest and Gresham's College to James McComas in 1805.
HD	X	116	In 1812, Nathaniel Hollingsworth sold 9 acres and two perches to James McComas.
HD	S	402	William Stewart sold Nathaniel Hollingsworth 1307 acres in 1806. This land was conveyed to Stewart by John Beal Bardley in 1800, who in turn received it from Harrietta Marie Delaney in 1759 (Baltimore County Land Records) Libre BT 4, Folio 42).

Libre Folio

HDG 32 49

4. In 1846, Coleman Gillott, trustee, sold 7 acres of Clagett's Forest to Sophia McHenry.

HD V 372

In 1810, Isaac Kennard purchased the acreage from James Maddox. Maddox also sold three acres and 29 perches to James McComas (Libre HD V, Folio 374).

HDG 34 219

5. In 1848, Lycurgus W. Lee sold 200 acres of Gibson's Chance to Sophia McHenry.

HD 7 186

In 1823, Cassandra Wilson and others transferred the tract to William D. Lee.

INVENTORY NO. 703-712

ELECTION DISTRICT _____

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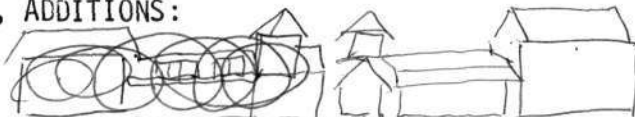
TAX MAP NO. _____

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

PARCEL NO. _____

NAME OF PROPERTY: MONMOUTH FARM HOUSELOCATION OF PROPERTY: LANE OFF OF WHEEL RD.DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: NORTH EASTNAME OF OWNER: MRS. McLENNADDRESS: WHEEL RD.STORIES: ^{WING} 1 ☒ ^{MAIN} 2 ☒ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ BAYS: 3 X 1 MAIN - WEST-NORTH END

WINGS, ADDITIONS:



WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten(type?)
 BRICK: Bond type- common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.
 STONE: Bond type- rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
 LOG

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERS

FOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONE

WATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICK

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1 ☐ 2/2 ☐ 6/6 ☒ 9/6 ☐ 9/9 ☐ other ☐ JOINED PAIR OF WINDOWS OVER NE ENTRANCE
 pegged ☐ nailed ☐ wide ☐ narrow ☐
 original ☐ replaced ☐

ENTRANCE, DOORS:

LOCATION:

HARDWARE:

FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES:

original ☐ replaced ☐

ROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, MANSARD, FLAT, DORMERS

MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original ☐ replaced ☐PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed ☒ hip ☐ gable ☒CHIMNEYS: NUMBER 2 BRICK ☒ STONE ☐ CORBELED ☐ original ☒ replaced ☐

LOCATION:

ARCHES:

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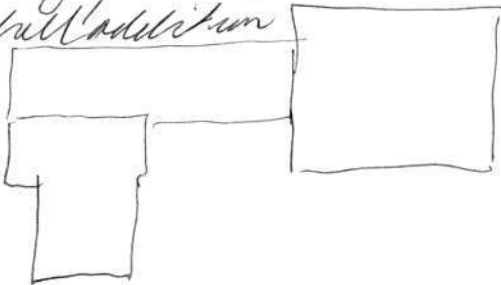
cellar entrance on north end
 stone platform on west side of main house

nodes addition

1x2 SW window
Lays

" 2 shaped - note

as SE edge of
small addition



using

3 protruded windows on
set on east side

3 BAY. SW part partially covered
on SW side - pedimented door

Pyramidal SW side

two story tower with pyramidal
upper part is
shingled - SW side

entire extent to spread
cells door on lower tower wall
link arch over door to 6x6 window
on SW side

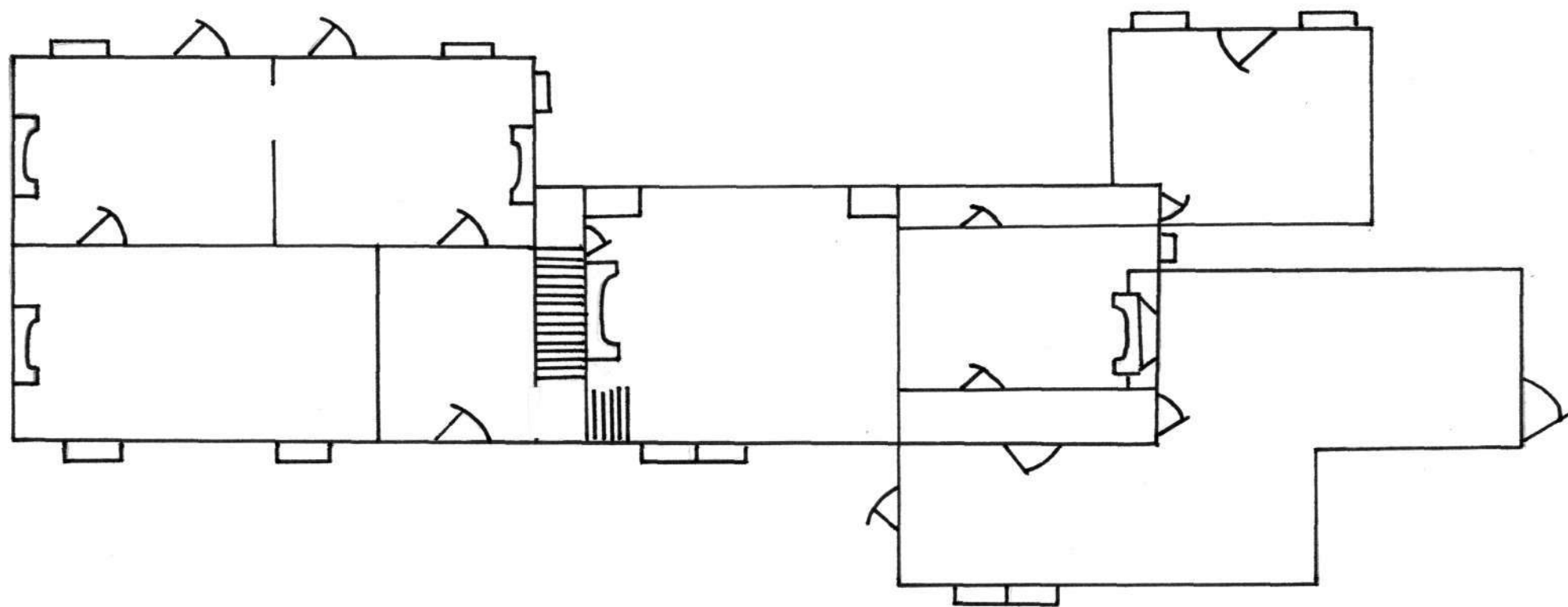
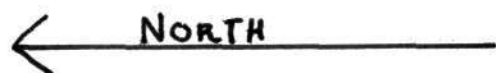
concrete on extreme S end

concrete and brick around
edge of roof

HA-703 through 712

Monmouth Farm - House

HA - 703



MONMOUTH FARM

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HOUSE

CARRIAGE SHED

WELL
HOUSE

OFFICE
(NEW)

SMOKEHOUSE

TENANT
HOUSE
(NEW)

BREWERY
OR
SPRINGHOUSE

STONE
TENANT
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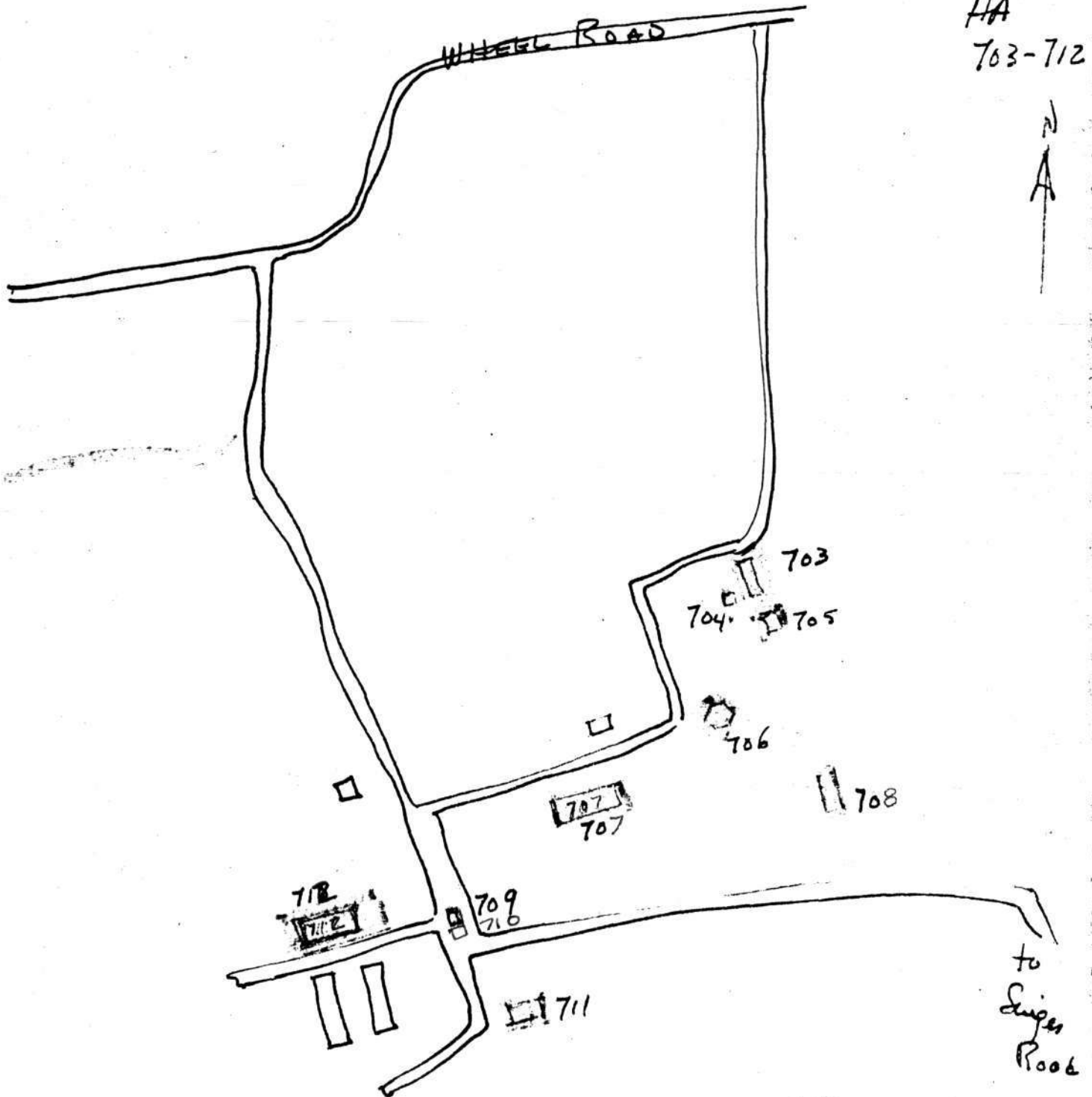
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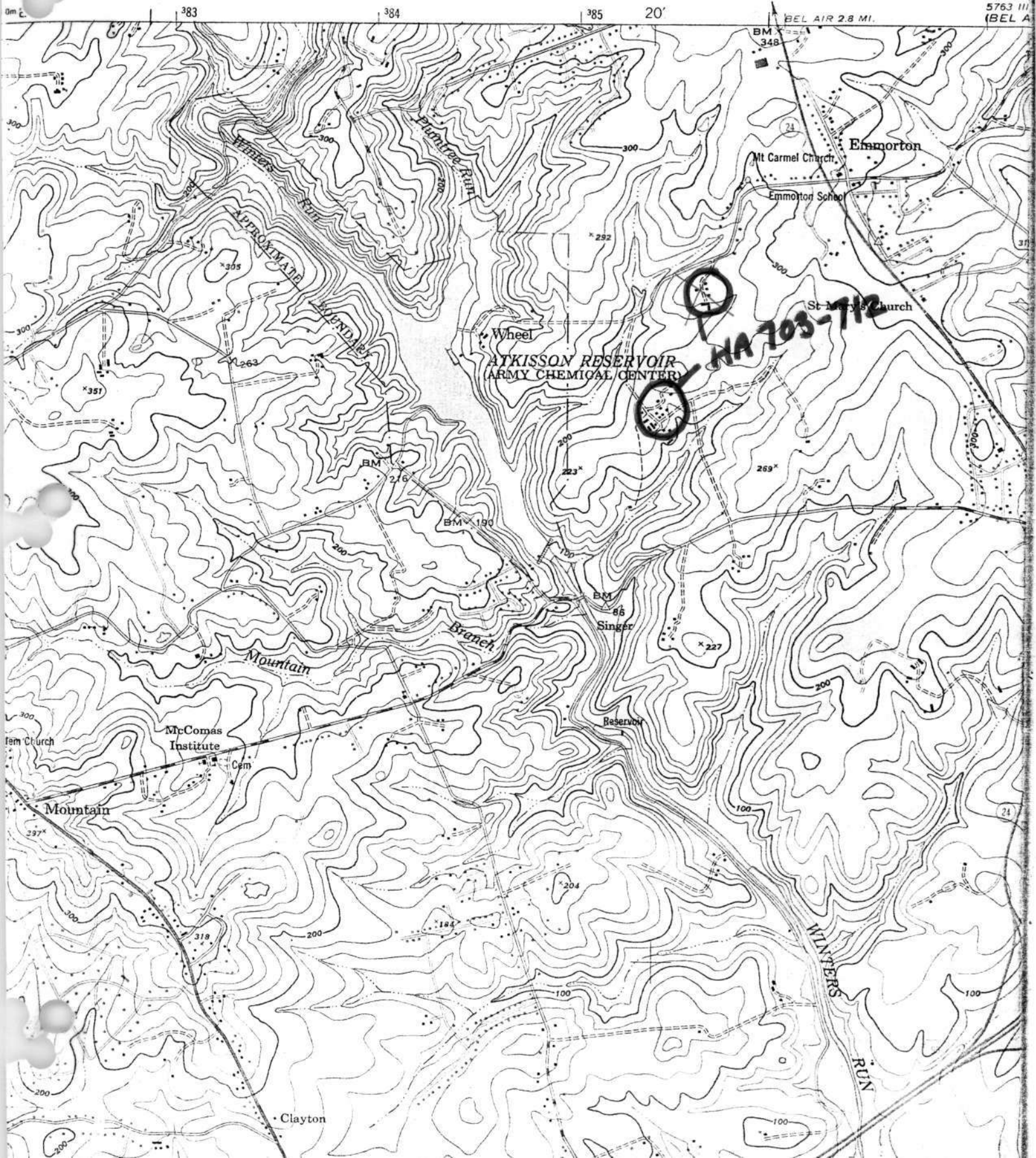
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Monmouth Farm house

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Moumouth Farm house #1



Monmouth House HA-703

Wheel Road

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West side



Monmouth Brewery HA-704

Wheel Road

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Monmouth Barn HA-703

Wheel Road

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Eastside



Monmouth Farm, Well house HA-703

Wheel Road

Emmorton, MD

Paul Penrod

Southside

7/76



Monmouth Smokehouse HA-706
Wheel Road
Emmorton, MD
Paul Penrod
South side

7/76



Monmouth Tenant House HA-708

Wheel Road

Emmorton, MD

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Southside

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